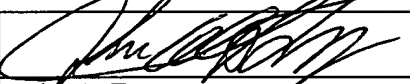


**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- My residence, post-office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in and for which a patent is sought by the application for U.S. Letters Patent entitled: **STAR TOPOLOGY NETWORK WITH FIBER INTERCONNECT ON CHIP**, the specification of which is attached hereto and identified by Docket No. **SLM08(D-4464)**.
- I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims.
- I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, paragraph 1.56(a).
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- I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: **SN: 60/170,147 filed on 12/10/1999.**
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- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.
- **Power of Attorney:** We hereby appoint the following persons as our attorney, with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: **Vernon C. Maine, Reg. No. 37,389; Scott J. Asmus, Reg. No. 42,269; and David W. Gomes, Reg. No. 27,640.**
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